

**Sustainable Natural Resource Funding  
Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

**Story CCB/McFarland Park – Ames, IA  
9:00am-1:00pm      October 17, 2007**

Committee members present:

Mark	Ackelson	Present	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Dan	Cohen	Present	IACCB
Dick	Dearden	Absent	IA Senate-Democrat
Barbara	Finch	Present	Iowa Farm Bureau
Jon	Kruse	Present	Ducks Unlimited
Rich	Leopold	Present	IA Dept of Natural Resources
Lola	Lopes	Tom Abello, Proxy	The Nature Conservancy
Mary	Lundby	Absent	Iowa Senate - Republican
Pauline	Novotny	Present	Izaak Walton League of Iowa
Jane	Clark	Present	Sierra Club
Marian	Riggs-Gelb	Present	Iowa Environmental Council
Henry	Rayhons	Present	Iowa House of Representatives-Republican
Deb	Ryun	Absent	Conservation Districts of Iowa
Marvin	Shirley	Present	Farmers Union
Ken	Tow	Present	Secretary of Agriculture
Dave	Van Waus	Present	Pheasants Forever
John	Whitaker	Absent	IA House of Representatives-Democrat
tbd		Absent	Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

Committee Support Staff

Kim	Rasler	IA DNR / SF Support
Diane	Ford-Shivvers	IA DNR / SF Support
Doug	Harr	IA DNR / SF Support
Peter	Fritzell	IA DNR / SF Support
Ken	Herring	IA DNR

Public present:

Deb	Kozel	LSA
Lew	Olson	LSA

**WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS – RICH LEOPOLD**

Rich welcomed the committee to the meeting and introductions were made.

**INTERIM COMMITTEE (IC) UPDATE – RICH LEOPOLD**

Rich is hearing positive comments and good questions about sustainable funding from staff at the Capitol. He is looking forward to constructive interaction at the 11/01/07-11/02/07 IC meeting. SFC members noted they have been contacted about giving testimony to the IC. It was reiterated that any and all SFC members who can attend all or part of the IC meetings are encouraged to do so.

## **DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS**

Tim McDermott, legislative staff, has submitted a draft agenda for the 11/01/07-11/02/07 IC meeting to the IC chairs for approval. He said he would send out the official agenda after its approval. There are six anticipated topics that will be covered: 1) Funding Mechanisms, 2) Funding Vehicles, 3) Tax Credits, 4) what other states are doing, 5) CARD economic impact study, and 6) legislators/leaders from other states peer panel.

### **1) Funding Mechanisms (FM):**

Dan Cohen has been identified by the IC to testify about the FMs and how they came about. Dan will create a PowerPoint based on the FM Summary. The summary was discussed in detail and additional information would be gathered to confirm figures and acquire new data. Discussion reiterated what an actual FM was (revenue generating source) and what aspects in the summary would support funding (i.e. tax incentives, bonding).

### **2) Funding Vehicles (FV):**

Barb Finch, Ken Tow, and Dave Van Waus have been asked by the IC to testify on how the recommended \$150 million would be spent (aka through the funding vehicles). The SFC identified other members to prepare specifics regarding the funding vehicles to support the group if needed during their testimony: Trails - Ackelson or L Hein, REAP - Ackelson, LCPP - Cohen, WP - Deb Ryun/Jon Kruse, Lake Restoration - Jon Kruse, DNR - Leopold/Herring. Each FV was reviewed and discussed in detail. Each FV has benefits unique to itself, however, the common elements are that, with the additional funds sustainable funding would bring, more projects can be implemented (local and state), all areas of natural resources will benefit, economic development opportunities will grow, and leveraging of federal funds would greatly increase.

### **3) Tax Credits:**

Mark Ackelson was identified by the IC to present on tax credits. He will prepare the presentation for this topic.

### **4) What Other States Are Doing:**

Duane Sand has been asked by the IC to present on what other states are doing regarding funding and natural resources. He will prepare the presentation for this topic.

### **5) CARD economic impact study:**

Dan Otto has been identified by the IC to present the CARD study information. Discussion was held to determine if other individuals (ie DED) should be present to support the CARD study information.

### **6) legislators/leaders from other states peer panel:**

The peer panel has been identified as leaders from NC, WI, MO, and M N.

The SFC was in consensus that the message they want to share with the IC is that this is an extremely important issue for all Iowans and that the SFC is committed to this project and will support the legislators as they move on this issue.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next SFC meeting is scheduled for 11/14/07. (This was updated and rescheduled for 11/16/07.)